



# THE WEEK THAT WAS

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A Report from the City Manager

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#### **ASPARAGUS FESTIVAL**

April was declared Stockton Asparagus Festival Month in a Proclamation from the Mayor and City Council at the Council meeting March 30th. Leslie Snyder, President of the Asparagus Festival Board of Directors, accepted. In return she presented two framed posters signed by sponsor Alex Spanos to Mayor Gary Podesto and City Manager Mark Lewis. In addition the official Asparagus Festival flag was presented for flying from the City Hall flagpole. Four other flags were unfurled on April 1st marking the beginning of Asparagus Festival Month. You may see them on the flagpoles on the north side of Martin Luther King Plaza, the corner of Center and Fremont by the Civic Auditorium, and two of the three poles on the North Shore point across from Weber Point Events Center. Also proclaiming the presence of the Festival at the Downtown Stockton Waterfront are over 100 light pole banners scattered throughout the metropolitan Stockton area. And, right on cue, Asparagus Festival inserts appeared in the April 1st Stockton Record. SJRTD buses are also touting the Festival on huge bus boards encouraging festival goers to take the Aspara-bus from Delta College that will drop them off a block from Gate 5 on Fremont Street. Watch for Festival ads in The Record, and soon you'll be seeing TV ads and hearing radio spots. April is busting out all over with news about the 19th Annual Stockton Asparagus Festival. Keep up with the latest information by visiting the website at <a href="https://www.asparagusfest.com">www.asparagusfest.com</a>. (CM)

#### SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

This information is provided to inform the City Council as outlined in Chapter 3, Section 3-030, Part IV of the May 19, 1988, revision of the Stockton Municipal Code. The Purchasing Division sold the following surplus property. The City sold three wrecked vehicles to Kennedy Auto Company, Inc. for \$140 and through Roger Ernst & Associates of Modesto the City sold one Lot surplus property for \$1,139. (AS)

## **DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK REHABILITATION PHASE I**

On 03/16/04 a contract in the amount of \$463,237.53 was awarded to Vanguard Construction for Phase I of the Downtown Sidewalk Rehabilitation project. The project will rehabilitate three designated blocks of the downtown area near upcoming venues like the Fox Theatre and the Hotel Stockton. The project also includes public art features created by a Bay Area artist consisting of brass art figures that will be inlaid into the sidewalk at designated locations of the project. A pre-construction meeting was held on 3/24/04 with project stakeholders to discuss scheduling, construction coordination, and administration elements of the project. Construction is scheduled to start on April 5 commencing with the reconstruction of sidewalks near the Bob Hope Theatre. (PW)

# **INTERSTATE 5/EIGHT-MILE ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS**

A community meeting was held on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Spanos Park West Community Center. The meeting was well attended by area residents and business owners. City staff, the design consultants, and the construction manager made a brief presentation about the project improvements and what to expect during construction. Construction is scheduled to start mid-April and will take approximately ten (10) months to complete. (PW)

#### **LUFT CLEANUP AT VAN BUSKIRK**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) has determined that no further action is required at Van Buskirk Golf Course at the site of former Leaking Underground Fuel Tanks (LUFT). Two tanks had previously been removed from the area: a 550 gallon gasoline tank was removed in 1991 and a 1,000 gallon diesel tank was removed in 1994.

In 1995 most of the contaminated soil was removed from the area under the former diesel tank, although some contamination had already reached the groundwater. Twining Laboratories conducted a site investigation in 1996, after which the site was left to attenuate naturally for three years. Additional testing in 1999 revealed that, although the gasoline and diesel were attenuating, the fuel additive MTBE was present in the groundwater. MTBE had not been detected in previous tests. After the discovery a program of groundwater monitoring for petroleum hydrocarbons, hydrocarbon byproducts, and additives was begun.

From 1999 to 2003 while the gasoline and other hydrocarbons attenuated to undetectable levels, a narrow plume of MTBE was tracked as it moved a total of 200 feet from the location of the tank. In October 2003 a computer model was used to forecast the theoretical final extent of the MTBE at the time of complete attenuation. The model predicted that the additive may travel an additional 100 feet before becoming undetectable within two years. Because the MTBE will not come near the surface or leave the golf course or travel near any wells, we requested that the site be closed. CVRWQCB agrees that closure is appropriate.

Advanced GeoEnvironmental, Inc. has prepared a Site Closure Workplan, which includes the destruction and abandonment of ten monitoring wells. The San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department will review and approve the workplan and will declare the site to be officially closed when the wells have been abandoned. The review is expected to be complete by 4/22/04. (PW)

# MARCH LANE SIDEWALK REHABILITATION

Odyssey Landscaping (OL) is progressing with construction. This project will replace the tree damaged sidewalk along the northerly side of March Lane between Precissi and Pershing Avenues. Sidewalks will be raised a maximum of one foot to allow room for roots to grow without damaging the sidewalk. Decorative cobble stone paving will be placed at curbside in between trees through the entire length of the project. Thus far OL has completed the demolition and off-hauling of all existing sidewalks, installation of root protection, pruned trees, and is now starting to set grades and forms for the new sidewalks. In addition OL has completed the reconstruction of two driveways which will be re-opened for use by the end of the week (3/29/04). Construction is scheduled to be completed in May 2004. (PW)

## PACIFIC AVENUE BRIDGES OVER THE CALAVERAS RIVER

In preparation of seismic retrofit and scour mitigation work to begin later this summer Public Works staff, with assistance from the Fire Department, recently completed removal of inactive swallow nests from the underside of both Pacific Avenue bridges over the Calaveras River to prevent their reuse during the upcoming breeding season. This was accomplished by washing the old nests off with water spray in accordance with the approved environmental documents and procedures. The sidewalks on each bridge were also temporarily closed while the nests are being removed to avoid wetting pedestrians in case of overspray.

Public Works staff is now soliciting bids to install netting under the bridges to prevent entry of swallows and the building of new nests. The Swallow nesting season is just beginning and netting the bridges will force the swallows to select other readily available sites for nest building. Due to the numerous environmental constraints associated with the Calaveras River the available window for construction is very small. If the swallows had been allowed to begin nesting under the Pacific Avenue bridges the needed repair work could not have taken place this Summer. Construction is also not possible during the Winter months. The proposed improvements will stabilize and strengthen the bridges to better withstand earthquakes and foundation erosion from scour. The project is being funded in part by the federal Local Seismic Retrofit and Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation programs administered by Caltrans. (PW)

## POLICE DEPARTMENT FIRING RANGE RENOVATION

URS Corporation is progressing with renovation of the PD Firing Range. URS Corp. has cleared trees, stabilized the soil, and completed construction of masonry block wall foundations. URS Corp. is now setting blocks for the new masonry walls while grading the slopes of the firing range in preparation for the setting of rebar and placement of gunite. Construction is on schedule and will be completed before June 4, 2004 in time for the upcoming PD Fire Games. (PW)

#### PEACH LOVERS WELCOME AUTHOR TO STOCKTON

The Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library's 2004 One Book, One San Joaquin concluded Tuesday evening with a lively exchange of personal experiences and reflections with David Mas Masumoto, author of this year's featured book, <u>Epitaph For A Peach</u>. The event co-sponsored by the Friends of the Stockton Public Library and the Library & Literacy Foundation for San Joaquin County was held at the Stockton Civic Theatre. The evening's festivities included an interview of the author conducted by Paula Sheil from *The Record*, a reading by the author from his books, an open dialogue with the audience, and a book signing.

Area residents welcomed the acclaimed author to Stockton with much excitement and anticipation as this year's book selection was one that so many readers in our county could personally relate to as farmers, as lovers of the land, and as fans of beautiful writing.

Mr. Masumoto is an organic peach and grape farmer near Del Rey. As well he is the author of six books. His books include <u>Harvest Son, Planting Roots in American Soil; Epitaph For A Peach: Four Seasons On My Family Farm; Silent Strength; Home Bound; Country Voices, The Oral History of Japanese American Family Farm Community; and Four Seasons In Five Senses, Things Worth Savoring. He has written for *USA Today, Los Angeles Times*, and is currently a columnist for *The Fresno Bee*.</u>

The program closed out this year's month-long focused community reading program with a bang as it drew a crowd of over 115 to the Stockton Civic Theatre. One Book, One San Joaquin is an annual opportunity to engage the diverse community in the shared experience of reading and discussing a great book. It is the chance for people of all ages, ethnicities, and opinions to come together who may never come together in any other way. (LIB)

# **CHAVEZ REMODEL UPDATE**

The interior remodel of the Cesar Chavez Central Library proceeds on schedule. Library staff of adult literacy, adult services, children's services, circulation services, collection development, and technical service have been relocated into temporary work spaces in "construction-free" zones of the library. This allowed construction crews to erect plastic walls in all areas where dust will be released due to the demolition and construction. In addition plastic containment sheets have gone up to prohibit staff and public from entering areas where there is danger of contamination from hazardous materials as the asbestos abatement process began.

To date abatement work has been completed on the first floor adult entrance area where segments of tile and carpet were removed. The work was completed after library hours on a Saturday night/Sunday morning for the safety of staff and the public, thus preventing the closure of the library to the public during normal hours of service. Abatement work on the second floor will occur the weekend of April 10th and will impact areas with suspended ceiling. Because the site of the next wave of abatement is in the ceiling the HVAC system in the entire building will need to be shut down during those days. Windows will be opened in the public and staff areas as well as fans brought in to circulate air and offer some cooling of the building as sunny, warm weather is predicted. Framing for walls will begin next week. Photos of the progress will be posted on the Library's website, <a href="https://www.stockton.lib.ca.us">www.stockton.lib.ca.us</a>, please log in and check it out.

Though not part of the remodel, CBM crews have also begun power washing the exterior of the Library which will erase years of accumulated cobwebs, dirt, and grime. The power spraying of the Oak and El Dorado Street facing have revealed leaks in the second floor exterior deck that came through to the Adult Services entrance area. These leaks will be fixed immediately and ultimately prevent future staining of the new ceiling tiles scheduled to be installed as part of the remodel plans. This weekend the Center Street side of the building, as well as the loading dock and driveway to Center Street, will be spray washed. (LIB)

# **IBISTRO GOES LIVE!**

After many anxious months of planning, preparing, and staff training, on Wednesday the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library unveiled the new iBistro e-library integrated system for convenient, easy-to-use catalog searches and materials management via the internet. Customers and staff can now access the Library's catalog, subscription databases, and information on-line!

With the same electronic path, customers who type in the Library's website, <a href="www.stockton.lib.ca.us">www.stockton.lib.ca.us</a>, will now find an exciting new customer-friendly destination similar to the websites of such literary retailers as Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Customers can now search for materials by title, author/artist, and

keyword. Searches will now produce options of seeing book covers, tables of contents, reviews, sample pages, and author biographies. As always, customers will still be able to reserve books, check their accounts for fines, and renew materials.

For staff, the operating system SIRSI will improve operations integral to keeping Library materials tracked and moving: inventory control upgrades, management upgrades, improved processes, and processing speed. This new technological tool will allow the Library to offer better service to its customers with no additional staff, a bargain in these tough budgetary times! (LIB)

# TRACY BRANCH GETS NEW CARPET

The Tracy Branch Library is closed this week and next while the interior of the Branch is painted, recarpeted, and re-arranged for improved customer service and comfort. It will reopen on Monday, April 12. (LIB)

#### **GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - HEALTH AND RESOURCE FAIR**

Staff participated in the March 25th Fair with a booth offering information and counseling on the City's housing programs. Approximately 100 adults attended with their children. (HRD)

## MR. BYWATER'S PROPOSAL FOR 100 SENIOR APARTMENTS (3132 FARMINGTON ROAD)

The architect, Vigen & Associates, presented a draft site plan to the Economic Review Committee (ERC) on March 25th. Staff from the various departments offered insight into design improvements, existing zoning restrictions, capacity of infrastructure, emergency access, and environmental evaluation. The most significant issues for the architect are the need for an amendment to the General Plan, environmental issues (land is currently used for open storage), a layout more conducive to onsite pedestrian and vehicle flow and to offsite infrastructure, and a plan that will meet the new design review guidelines which will be in place by the time this project reaches such a stage. If the architect proceeds immediately with the items outlined by the ERC, a fair estimate on timing would be approximately 18 months or more before it's ready for state-funding application processes. (HRD)

#### STOCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Stockton Fire Department handled 622 calls for service the week of March 25 – April 1.

- 1 Chimney fire
- 4 Vehicle fire
- 4 Grass fires
- 7 Structure fires
- 30 Fire alarms
- 59 Vehicle accidents
- 10 Hazmat incidents
- 49 Miscellaneous calls
- 458 Medical
- 622 Totals

March 25 there was an attic fire at a single family home at <u>1876 W. Rose Street</u>. The cause is believed to be an electrical wire originating underneath the ceiling joint. Damage is estimated at approximately \$50,000 to the structure and \$10,000 to the contents.

March 26 there was a vehicle fire involving three-parked cars at <u>8429 Mariners Dr</u>. The fire originated from the gas tank of car #1, and then spread to car #2, and next to car #3. The incident is under investigation.

March 27 there was a vehicle accident on **North Filbert Street and East Poplar Street** involving two vehicles with three patients in one car. Two patients were transported to Dameron Hospital and one to St. Joseph Medical Hospital. (FD)

## **FIRE PREVENTION**

Fire Prevention is continuing to assist the Finance Department in the billing of all R-1's, the updating of business licenses to reflect new billing charges, as well as, creating new business licenses for apartment complexes that do not have one.

Plan Checks: Sprinklers, Fire Alarms, New Building, and Hood & Duct systems

 Approved hood and duct fire suppression plans for a restaurant called Siamese Street at 3236 Pacific Avenue.

- Approved hood and duct fire suppression plans for Moo Moo's Burger Barn at 222 North El Dorado Street.
- Approved sprinkler plans for the IRS at 4643 Quail Lakes Drive.
- Approved sprinkler- water-flow, fire alarm plans for Sportmark at 10536 Trinity Parkway.
- Approved underground plans for fire sprinkler for Calvary Presbyterian Church at 2343 Country Club Blvd.
- Approved underground fire service plans for new warehouses proposed at 2848 and 2928 Boeing Way.
- Approved sprinkler tenant improvement plans for Lane Bryant at 10734 Trinity Park Way.
- Approved hood and duct suppression plans for 5 systems on Rancho San Miguel at 1409 South Airport Way.
- 8 building plan checks that total \$7,440 in fees.
- 1 plan check for a hazardous material storage area.

# Inspections and fire systems tests

- 1 Code enforcement inspection that was resolved.
- 6 final fire inspections for several new projects at Eight Mile and I-5.
- 3 fire alarm inspections conducted for the new stores at Eight Mile and I-5.
- 1 hood and duct inspection completed at one of Stockton oldest eateries called Simoni's.
- 3 State License Facility Inspections.
- 4 Permits Inspections
- 1 Violation Reinspection
- 6 Fire Inspection Finals
- 13 Business License Inspections
- 1 Special Inspection
- 1 Test Underground Fuel Tank and Piping (Inspect the installation and test for leaks).
  (FD)

## **HYDRANT DIVISION**

- Repaired fire hydrant on "C" Street due to vehicle hit and run.
- Repaired fire hydrant at El Pinal and Alpine Roads.
- A flow test was preformed at El Pinal and Alpine Roads.
- Pressured tested under ground water system on Old Republic Title at 3461 Brookside Road.
- Repaired fire hydrant at Stratford Way and Buckingham Way. (FD)

## **WEED ABATEMENT**

Staff has completed the list for the County Weed Program and submitted it so that the letters can be mailed to the property owners. The City Council approved the list of properties and declared them as a Public Nuisance for the City of Stockton Weed Program. Letters are being sent to the property owners. (FD)

## POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS/INCIDENTS

During the period March 25-April 1 the Stockton Police Department handled 6,435 calls for service, incidents, and/or reports. (POL)

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM (CHAT)**

A Notice of Violation was issued following a preliminary inspection of an eight-unit apartment complex in the 600 block of Park. A quarterly reinspection of the Lido Hotel found 33 uncorrected violations. A Permit to Operate inspection of the Main Hotel resulted in a Violation Warning Notice for 28 violations. An initial inspection in the 500 block of North Monroe found 57 of the original 71 violations remain uncorrected, resulting in a Notice and Order of Civil Penalties and Administrative Citation. Thirteen new blight cases were opened with approximately 41 violations in RD 116. Nine felony arrests were made for possession of rock cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, paraphernalia, stolen property, and ammunition; resisting arrest; spousal battery; vandalism; and driving with a suspended license and on the wrong side of the road, open container, and no insurance. A vehicle and approximately \$2,033 were seized. Two misdemeanor arrests were made for paraphernalia and resisting arrest. Arrests included three felony bench warrants and five misdemeanor bench warrants. Three drug abatements were opened. (POL)

#### **GANG STREET ENFORCEMENT TEAM (GSET)**

During March 23-28 the GSET conducted 107 field interviews; made 2 misdemeanor warrant, 2 felony warrant, 2 misdemeanor, and 5 felony arrests; made 46 traffic stops; and confiscated 1.65 grams of rock

cocaine and 2.98 grams of marijuana. The GSET has confiscated 417 guns since its inception, including 20 in 2004. (POL)

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

Civic Center District – *Downtown/Commercial Area*: A \$500 fine was issued to the owner of a building in the 500 block of East Weber for failure to correct code violations dealing with the building's exterior. Facade improvements to a commercial building in the 500 block of East Market are scheduled to begin next week. *Midtown Area*: Violation Warning Notices for overgrown lawns and parking strips are being issued. An emphasis is being placed on the areas of Park, Oak, and Fremont Streets, between Center and Pershing.

On March 25 Grant Elementary School sponsored its annual Healthy Start Health and Resource Fair. The event links parents and children with various agencies that provide essential services to the Grant School community. More than 28 San Joaquin County agencies participated, in addition to Housing and Redevelopment, Neighborhood Services/ Police, Library, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation, providing services including public safety, educational and nutritional, medical, and literacy. This event provided a great opportunity for the City to meet and talk with citizens and share information regarding various City services. (POL)

## **TRUANCY**

During the week of March 22-26, 23 students were processed for truancy, of which 6 were repeat offenders. Year to date (July 1, 2003 – March 26, 2004) 964 students have been processed for truancy, a 12% increase compared to the same time period the previous year. (POL)

## **NARCOTICS ARREST**

During a traffic stop on March 25 while conducting surveillance of a home in the 900 block of North Commerce for suspected narcotics dealing Officers found both suspects to be on parole and the driver did not have a driver's license. The passenger had over \$2,000 in small bills and 14 grams of rock cocaine in his possession. The driver fled on foot and escaped. (POL)

#### **PURSUIT**

At approximately 10:45 p.m., on March 25, Sheriff's Deputies were involved in a pursuit which led into the city limits. The suspect vehicle was traveling westbound on Fremont and ran a red light, striking a vehicle that was traveling southbound on Airport. The driver of the vehicle that was struck was transported to the hospital and treated for several lacerations and a broken arm. The driver of the suspect vehicle fled and escaped but his passenger was detained by the Sheriff's. (POL)

## **DUI CHECKPOINT**

Last Saturday night Traffic Officers conducted a DUI checkpoint near El Dorado and Fourth. They checked 782 vehicles, made 8 DUI arrests and 1 drug-related arrest, issued 55 citations, and towed 38 cars. (POL)

## **CHILD NEGLECT**

On March 30 the mother of an eight-month-old baby dropped him off at his father's house and left. The father noticed the baby was very sick, although the mother denied he was ill. The father called an ambulance and Police, and the baby was taken to the hospital and later medi-flighted to U.C. Davis Children's Medical Center, where the baby is in critical condition. Doctors advised that the baby, who had pneumonia for at least three weeks, would most likely not have survived through the night without treatment. The mother was arrested on child abuse and neglect charges. (POL)

## **RECKLESS DISCHARGE**

Police received a 9-1-1 call from a man who had reported he had shot at unknown intruders who were hiding in the attic of his home, located in the 700 block of South Broadway. Officers arrived and found the resident to be extremely agitated and delusional. Further investigation revealed that the man had fired several gunshots into the ceiling from a rifle as he was intoxicated and mentally unstable. He was arrested and taken to jail where he would receive a psychiatric evaluation. (POL)

# **INJURY ACCIDENT**

On March 31, at approximately 7:00 p.m., a 14-year-old boy was moving a friend's car out of the driveway without permission and decided to drive around the block. His 13-year-old brother and 11-year-old friend decided to ride on the trunk of the car. When the vehicle turned the corner at Burkett and Anderson, the 13-year-old fell off the trunk and landed on his head. He was taken to the hospital, where he was listed in critical condition in Intensive Care. (POL)

#### VICTORY PARK POOL

A leak has been discovered this week at Victory Park Pool. Maintenance staff have shut down pool systems and will drain the pool and pressurize all outlets and inlets to find the leak. The pool is scheduled to open Saturday, May 29. (P & R)

# **McKINLEY CENTER ACTIVITIES**

Recreation for All People (RAP) activities at the McKinley Community Center this week included yoga, drama, dance, music, basketball, volleyball, and weightlifting.

McKinley staff members Willy Razo and April Busse attended Grant Elementary School's Health Fair last week. It was well-attended by both parents and students, who picked up a lot of program information and asked a lot of questions about getting involved in recreation programs. (P & R)

#### SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMP

Registration began Thursday for the 2004 season of Summer Discovery Camp. This year's camp will be held at ten recreation sites and three school sites (John Muir, Parklane and Oakwood Schools). Camp will offer free breakfast and snacks through the California Department of Nutrition's free Summer Food program. Different themes are planned for each week's activities and several camp-wide special events will be held. Camp staff will form special event teams to plan and organize the special events. All camp staff will attend three days of training in early June before the June 7-August 16 camp season. Several parents have already registered their children for the summer day camp. (P & R)

#### **FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

In order to better assist small businesses within Stockton the City Council recently approved the expansion of the Facade Improvement Grant Program area to include businesses along the following corridors:

- Airport Way, between Charter & 12th Street
- California Street, between Park & Harding
- Charter Way, between Airport & I-5
- El Dorado Street, between Park & Harding
- Fremont Street, west of I-5 to Ryde Avenue
- Main Street, between Wilson Way & Highway 99

Letters were mailed to approximately 200 businesses within the expanded area notifying them that they are now eligible to apply for a grant, along with a newly created brochure describing the program. (CM)

#### www.stocktongov.com

For the past few months visitors to the City's website have been able to watch live and archived City Council Meetings and Channel 97 programs online by selecting a specific program. Now visitors can also watch Channel 97 programming LIVE online 24-hours-a-day, 7 days a week. This feature is included in our streaming media package at no additional cost. (CM)

#### CITY MANAGER'S MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

I held my respective weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly meetings with: Mayor Podesto, Vice Mayor Nomura, Councilmember Giovanetti, Councilmember Nickerson, and Jim Rinehart.

I met with Katherine Miller, the new Executive Director of the Downtown Stockton Alliance. Katherine Meissner, Wayne Hose, Steve Carrigan, Carolyn Cook, and I presented the Airport Corridor Action Team overview to members of our African-American, Asian-American, and Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. Gordon Palmer, Chief Mark Herder, and I received a briefing regarding the McCormack & Baxter Superfund Site from Jim Vreeland, EPA, and Marie Lacey, Superfund. City staff and I participated in the Asparagus Festival Tabletop Exercise.

Mayor Podesto and I met with Audrey Cooper from *The Record*. I met with Doug Wilhoit regarding the Convention & Visitors Bureau proposal. Christine Tien, Terry Parker, and I interviewed candidates for the Human Resources Deputy Director position. Doug Wilhoit, Susan Drake, and I discussed the Downtown Rotary coming back to Downtown Stockton.

I attended The Record's Groundbreaking Ceremony for their new Production and Press Facility. Mayor Podesto, Councilmember Giovanetti, City staff, and I held a briefing regarding the SJCOG Workshop.

City staff and I met with Mike Courtney and Paul Schneider to discuss the Events Center construction. I attended the Children's Museum V.I.P. Birthday Bash.

I participated in welcoming participants to the Mayor's Citywide Youth Conference. Gordon Palmer, Jim Giottonini, Gordon MacKay, and I discussed Public Works personnel issues. Gordon Palmer, Mark Madison, and I participated in interviews for MUD's Deputy Director of Water position. I attended the retirement reception for Assistant City Manager Gary Ingraham.

The Budget Staff and I held a series of meetings with the respective Department Heads to discuss budgets for the following departments: Fire Department, Public Works, Housing & Redevelopment, and Municipal Utilities Department. (CM)

# **HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND!**

MARK LEWIS CITY MANAGER